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ABIDJAN FOR MS. JANET HALL DIGGS

E.O.: 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS

SUBJ: LOS: MTG ON DEEP SEABED REGIME

REF: STATE 155121

1. DURING SHORT VISIT TO YAOUNDE LAST WEEK, MS. DIGGS HAD OPPORTUNITY RAISE QUESTION OF INTERSESSIONAL MTG WITH PAUL ENGO.

2. ACCORDING MS. DIGGS, ENGO STATED HE HAD PREPARED REPORT FOR FONMIN EFON ON LOS GENEVA CONFERENCE AND HAD RAISED QUESTION OF INTERSESSIONAL MTG IN YAOUNDE. RECENT CABINET RESHUFFLE, HOWEVER, HAS RESULTED IN A NEW FONMIN, AND ENGO FORESEES DELAYS IN GURC DECISION AS NEW INCUMBENT WILL FIRST HAVE TO BE EDUCATED ON LOS ISSUES BEFORE HE IS LIKELY TO FORWARD HIS RECOMMENDATIONS TO PRESIDENCY.

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3. ENGO TOLD MS. DIGGS THAT HE DOUBTED IT WOULD BE PRACTICAL TO

HOLD INTERSESSIONAL MTG BEFORE JANUARY AND THAT, IF YAOUNDE NOT PRACTICABLE AS A SITE AT THAT TIME, SAN FRANCISCO WOULD BE HIS CHOICE. HE DID NOT RULE OUT NY, WHICH HE AGREED WOULD BE IDEAL FROM STANDPOINT OF FACILITIES. HE QUESTIONED, HOWEVER, WHETHER LOS ISSUES IN A NY MTG WOULD GET NEEDED ATTENTION, PARTICULARLY DURING SPECIAL OR REGULAR UNGA SESSIONS. ANOTHER FACTOR BEARING ON TIMING OF MTG IS NEED FOR OAU COUNTRIES FIRST TO DISCUSS LOS ISSUES AMONG THEMSELVES. HE EXPECTS INITIAL DISCUSSIONS TO TAKE PLACE DURING KAMPALA OAU MTG IN LATE JULY.

4. COMMENT: GURC WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY WELCOME YAOUNDE AS SITE FOR INTERSESSIONAL MTG. IT WOULD ENHANCE YAOUNDE'S PRESTIGE AS AN INTERNATIONAL MTG PLACE AND HIGHLIGHT THE ROLE OF A CAMEROONIAN IN THESE DELICATE AND HIGHLY IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, GURC TAKES ITS HOSTING RESPONSIBILITIES VERY SERIOUSLY, AND FINANCIAL BURDEN LIKELY TO BE AN IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION. IT WILL NEED HELP IN FORM OF INTERPRETERS AND WOULD CERTAINLY HOPE THAT US COULD SUPPLY MORE THAN ONE. SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETING EQUIPMENT WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE NEEDED. ENGO MAY BE COUNTING ON MORE DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, BUT IN OUR FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATIONS WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO MODERATE HIS EXPECTATIONS.

5. INFO CONTAINED IN PARAS 2 AND 3 BASED ON MY SOMEWHAT GUARDED TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH MS. DIGGS IN DOUALA BEFORE HER DEPARTURE. HENCE, IT MAY CONTAIN SOME INACCURACIES OR LACK APPROPRIATE NUANCES.

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